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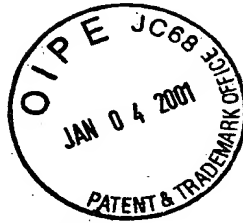
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed 5 October 2000 (Paper No. 6), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for the amplification of nucleic acids, said method comprising:
synthesizing double-stranded DNA from a single-stranded DNA population; and
producing multiple copies of RNA from said double-stranded DNA,
wherein said amplification occurs in a single phase and wherein said amplification is
proportional.

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